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1. DR. H. E. KNIPSCHILDT, CHAIRMAN OF DENMARK'S INTERGOVERN-
MENTAL COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS AND ALCHOL ABUSE, CONFIRMED
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PARIS MEETING OF "POMPIDOAU INITIATIVE" IN PARIS NOVEMBER 21.
MAJOR TOPICS REPORTED WERE:

(A) THE GROWING HEROIN PROBLEM IN WESTERB EUROPE AND THE CON-
COMITANT NEED FOR INCREASED POLICE AND CUSTOMS COOPERATION.
DELEGATES AGREED TO NOT ONLY CONTINUE SHARING NARCOTICS IN-
TELLIGENCE, BUT TO STUDY AND REPORT LOCAL NARCOTICS TRENDS

AS AN AID TO NEIGHBORS WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY DEVELOPMENTS
BEYOND THEIR BORDERS.

(B) THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (UNFDAC)
WAS FAVORABLY DISCUSSED, FOCUSSED ON THE RECENT "SCANDINAVIAN
INITIATIVE" IN CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFDAC (DENMARK'S NOVEMBER
CONTRIBUTION OF NEARLY DOLLARS 400,000 TO UNFDAC WAS DISCUS-
SED IN REFTEL B). KNIPSCHILDT WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT INCREASED
EUROPEAN SUPPORT OF UNFDAC WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

(C) IT WAS AGREED THAT FURTHER STUDY OF PREVENTION AND TREAT-
MENT OF NARCOTICS ADDICTION WAS NEEDED.

2. SWEDEN WILL CHAIR AND PROVIDE THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE
POMPIDOAU INITIATIVE DURING 1978; THE ONE YEAR MANDATE MAY
ULTIMATELY BE EXTENDED TO TWO.

3. SOME DELEGATIONS QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR THE CONTINUED
EXISTENCE OF THE POMPIDOAU INITIATIVE AS AN INDEPENDENT EN-
TITY, AND PROPOSED THAT IT BE ABSORBED INTO THE COUNCIL OF
EUROPE. FRANCE REPORTEDLY TORPEDOED THE IDEA, APPARENTLY OUT
OF PRIDE OF AUTHORSHIP.
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